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Governor Jan Brewer Welcomes Apple to Arizona *New manufacturing operation to create 700-plus quality jobs*

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer and the Arizona Commerce Authority today celebrated a major announcement that Apple has chosen Mesa, Arizona as the location of its newest U.S. manufacturing facility. This will create at least 700 quality jobs in the first year and generate significant capital investment. The project also will produce approximately 1,300 construction and other associated jobs for the people of Arizona.

"Apple is indisputably one of the world's most innovative companies and I'm thrilled to welcome them to Arizona," said Governor Brewer. "Apple will have an incredibly positive economic impact for Arizona and its decision to locate here speaks volumes about the friendly, pro-business climate we have been creating these past four years. Their investment in renewable energy will also be greening our power grid, and creating significant new solar and geothermal power sources for the state. As Governor, I've worked hard to demonstrate that Arizona is open for business. Today's news is proof that's paying off."

Apple's announcement is the culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work and a statewide collaborative effort led by the Arizona Commerce Authority -- chaired by Governor Brewer -- and in conjunction with partners at Salt River Project, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, the City of Mesa and Maricopa County.

"It is a pleasure to welcome one of the most admired companies in the world to our great state," said Sandra Watson, President and CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority. "Apple's confidence in Arizona and its selection of Mesa as the site of its newest manufacturing facility represents an enormous win for our state and a historic investment in our community -- one that will create hundreds of quality jobs for Arizonans. Apple's commitment to manufacturing that will rely on renewable energy further demonstrates its forward-thinking, progressive nature and Arizona's advanced capabilities in producing and delivering renewable power. Salt River Project has been instrumental in working with Apple to create additional advanced renewable energy sources that will power next-generation manufacturing."

Apple's investment in Arizona is the latest in a growing line of companies that have taken notice of Arizona's strong pro-business tax and regulatory environment, and the highly skilled, quality workforce that is available -- all of which have positioned Arizona as the best state in the country to do business.

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